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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 21ST, 1899.

The experiment being attempted by Mr.

Little to navigate the waters of the Upper

Yangtze and make the ascent of the rapids

to Chungking has been regarded with great

interest alike in England and in China. The

little steam-wheel steamer Kiang, specially

built in England for the enterprise and sent

out to Shanghai in sections, has been put

together, successfully launched, and sent up

the Yangtze, but until the present moment

the permission of the Chinese Government

for her to proceed above Ichang has not been

given. In the meantime she is, we understand,

temporarily running between Hankow

and Ichang. The British Minister at Peking

is said to regard this project with interest

—for it is a venture with a decided risk

in it—with great favour, and it has been

stated that he was doing his utmost to secure

the consent of the Chinese Government for

the vessel to proceed to Chungking, but,

if this be true, we can only draw the deduction

that his influence is not very potent

with the Taung-ti Yamen. Rumour has it that

a steady Teung-ti Yamen has it that

the policy of placing the Kiang under the

German flag, when permission for her to

make the ascent to Chungking would be

reversed, soon be secured. If we may judge

by the ill-success which Herr von Brandt

confesses has attended his efforts to induce

the Chinese Government to extend the

privilege of trading to other than the China

Merchants' Company's wharves and godowns at

Shanghai, Mr. Little would not gain much by

an exchange of flags. It is time, however,

that the British Minister obtain a definite

answer to his demand. Clause 1 of Section

III. of the Chinese Convention provides most

distinctly, for the navigation of the Upper

Yangtze, though, thanks to Sir Thomas

Wade's singular mode of expression, room

has been left for hair-splitting so far as

taking cargo on the first trip is concerned.

The wording of the clause is as follows:—

"The British Government will, further, be

free to send officers to reside at Chungking

to watch the conditions of British trade in

Szechuen. British merchants will not be

allowed to reside at Chungking, or to open

establishments or warehouses, so long as no

steamer has access to the port. When

steamers have succeeded in ascending

the river so far, further arrangements, can

be taken into consideration." There is

nothing in this to preclude a foreign

steamer attempting to make the ascent of

the river, and we fail to see that the per-

mission of the Chinese Government is

required for the first voyage. After this

ascent had been successfully made, and it

was thus demonstrated that the river is

navigable by steamers, it would, of course,

be necessary (Kang-ti Sir Thomas Wade)

to make "further arrangements" for the

formal opening of the port of Chungking to

foreign commerce. The Taung-ti Yamen

urges, we believe, that the people of Chung-

## ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE POST OFFICE

NOTICE published on front page giving the

hours to be observed in despatching letters

by French and Austrian packets, to-morrow

(Wednesday).

The Agent informs us that the Pacific Mail

S. S. Co. steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, with

the American mail of the 21st ult., has arrived

at Yokohama, and will leave this port for Hong-

kong to-morrow.

A rather sharp thunderstorm broke over the

colony early yesterday morning, accompanied by

heavy showers of rain. A thunderstorm is some-

times unusual at this time of year, but the heavy

rain was useful in washing out the dust.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell &amp; Co.)

inform us that the S. S. steamer Green-  
shire, from London, left Singapore on the 18th

instant for this port, and the steamer Chicago

left Singapore, also for Hongkong, on the 17th

instant.

The attention of investors is called to the

notification on front page announcing that the

light of the Malacca Lightship will be dis-

tinguished for repairs from the 7th March for

the next five days, and that the light will be

restored on the 12th inst. without any change in character or power.

While a host of coolies, who were returning

from the colony, which they had been em-

ployed, were trying to land near the Canton

Wharf on Sunday, the boat capsized, and the

lives of the occupants were thrown into the

water, and the number being drowned. The

bodies were recovered yesterday.

It is stated by the Malacca Lightship that

the Japanese Government has decided to con-

struct a branch line from Fujiwara, and that the

line has already been laid for fourteen miles.

There are two lines, one from Fujiwara to

Yokohama, and the other from Yokohama to

Tokyo. The line from Yokohama to Tokyo

will be completed in February next year.

The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment

will play at the Old Market, Hongkong, this

evening, from 7.30 till 10 o'clock.

The programme is as follows:—

March: "The British Grenadiers." School:

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The nineteenth annual general meeting of

the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,

was held at the office of the General Manager,

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co., yesterday

morning. There were present—Hon. J. B. B.

Irving (Chairman), Hon. A. P. MacEwen, Hon.

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